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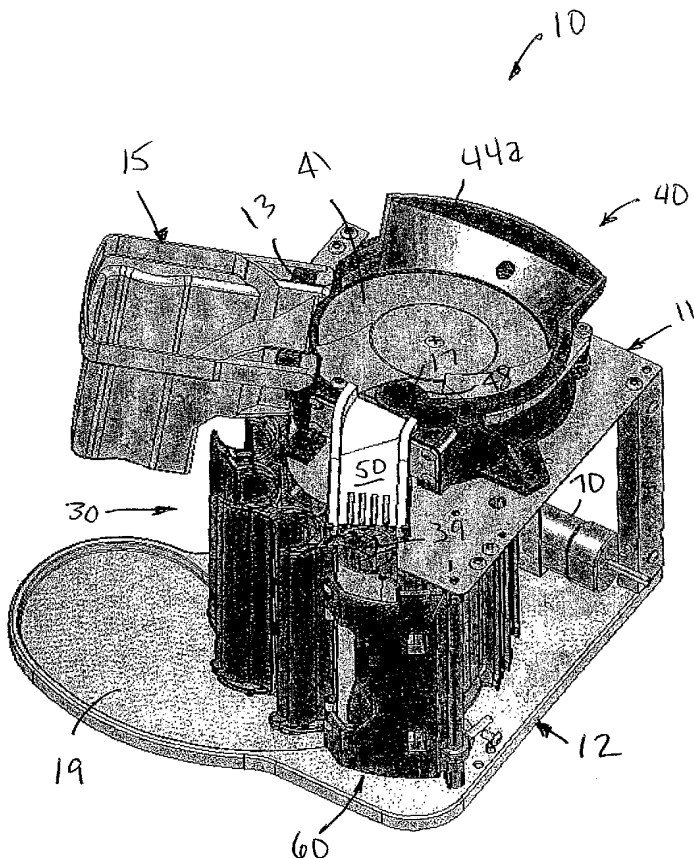
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(57) Abstract: A method and apparatus for filling a coin magazine (30, 120, 170) has a support (20, 112, 173) for supporting the magazine, a coin feeder (40, 115, 173) for receiving batches of coins and feeding coins to a coin filling location, the coin magazine having a first channel (33, 126, 171) positioned at a coin filling location, a chute (50, 117, 148) for guiding the coins from an exit of the coin feeder to the coin filling location, a guard (60, 117, 147) positioned next to the coin filling location for preventing coins from overshooting the coin filling location, and wherein the coin magazine is movable on the support between the second position for receiving coins in the first channel (33, 126, 171) and a third position for receiving coins in a second channel (33, 126, 171). Other embodiments are disclosed for straight line coin magazines, for lifting the coin feeding assembly to load and unload a magazine and for moving coins with a scalloped coin feeding mechanism.

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